

FINANCE COMMITTEE
September 3, 2019

Committee members: Bill Holgate, Chairman, Tim Dennis, Vice Chair, Ed Bronson, Tim Cutler, Rick Willson, Dan Banach.

Others present: Doug Paddock, Jim Multer, Terry Button, Connie Hayes, Elden Morrison, Carlie Chilson, Earle Gleason, Leslie Church, Nonie Flynn, Meghan Kincaid, Dan Long, Ashley Doyle.

Bill and Ed will do the audit this month.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

Real Property – Meghan Kincaid

Meghan reported the School Tax Bills went out September 1st. The four towns that reassessed this year did see tax decreases.

Meghan reported on the Enhanced STAR Exemption “Good Cause”. Due to the new Real Property Tax Law changes, seniors receiving the Enhanced STAR Exemption are now required to apply for the Income Verification Program beginning this year. The Town Assessors collected IVP forms with the Enhanced STAR renewal forms through 3/1/19. This has been optional before.

Since then the state has sent out thousands of letters to seniors that they did not receive an IVP form from, submitted an incomplete form or the state required additional information from.

Seniors who missed the exemption/IVP deadline may apply to the state for a “Good Cause” extension for filing their IVP for their Enhanced STAR Exemption. The state then determines whether to approve the application and grant the exemption. The timing of the approval would decide how it is handled. The deadline to apply for the “Good Cause” Extension is September 30th.

Meghan reported on classes that she will be attending.

Planning – Dan Long

Dan reported Yates Transit will be giving a quarterly report at the September 9th meeting.

Dan reported there was no quorum for an August meeting of the Yates County Planning Board.

Dan reported he has been asked when the Vine Valley Boat Launch will be taken out. Dan told them he thought it would be October 1st but would confirm. Dan Banach suggested November 1st.

Dan reported on the funding for Natural and Recreational Resources. Collection of insurance documentation is being performed for the latest round of grant recipients. Most awardees are requesting a 12-18 month contract term.

Dan reported on the EFC Septic Replacement Grant. There is one or two last reimbursement requests to hand in to complete the grant. There is still no word as to future funding.

Dan reported with regards to the Yates County Comprehensive Plan, a second of three public workshop was held on August 15th. There were approximately 15 people in attendance. There have been approximately 30 surveys received.

Dan report on the Capital Projects/Studies. Hunt will provide updated budget amounts for the Highway Facilities Needs Assessment by August 31st for committee review. CDGE, LLC the group awarded the Communications Study project is proposing a September 12th meeting to review the scope and process with stakeholders.

Dan reviewed the following resolution that will be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution in Opposition to NYSEG rate increases

Treasurer – Ashley Doyle/Deputy

Ashley reviewed the 2019 Appropriations and the Sales Tax Report.

Ashley reported as of July 31st, 549 courtesy letters were sent to owners of parcels that have outstanding 2019 taxes. The number of letters mailed were down by 49 in comparison to 2018. As of 8/29/19 there are 434 parcels with 2019 taxes due.

Ashley reported Yates County will be hosting the annual Treasurer's Regional meeting for treasurers and their deputies from Allegany, Chemung, Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Wyoming and Yates at the end of September.

Ashley reported the Treasurer's office would like to discontinue the credit card collection for townships in the upcoming 2020 tax collection season. This service was offered on a trial basis as each town spent their second year collecting with the new tax software. Because each town has the ability to set up their own online processing with minimal cost to the town and processing fees being put on the payer of taxes, the Treasurer's office is ready to turn this over to the Towns. The consensus of the Committee was to have Ashley reach out to the towns to get their input. Further discussion will take place next month.

Ashley reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- 2019 Budget Transfers

Airport – Tim Dennis

Tim reported the projects covered under the NYSDOT grant for Weather Emergencies continues. Will have resolutions to authorize signatures once analysis is completed. (No change.)

Leslie reported on the sewer for the airport. Leslie hopes to go out to bid by the end of September.

Doug reported The Yates County Chamber of Commerce did received the report of the 2018 tourism numbers and will be reporting at the September 9th legislative meeting.

Bill reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution to appoint Ryan Hallings to the FLEDC Board, the Yates Capital Resource Corp. Board and the Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corp.

Acting County Administrator – Nonie Flynn

Nonie reported with regards to the 2020 Budget Development, Department Heads will present their Budget Summaries at the October Standing Committee meetings.

Nonie reviewed the following resolution that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution – Reappoint Director of Real Property Tax Services

Nonie reviewed the Project Status Report as it relates to Finance.

Gerald Aiken, Account Manager from ESRI gave a brief presentation on County-wide GIS.

Ed moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual or individuals with Committee members, Legislators and the Acting County Administrator present. Seconded by Tim.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm